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INVENTORY TIME

This is the season of the year when everyone is taking inventory, the idea of which is to find out how one stands. An inventory takes account of everything about the place, and is usually followed by an effort to dispose of what one does not need or want. The inventory reveals the fact that in every stock there is some good, live, up-to-date stuff, some that has become more or less soiled and out of date, and should be disposed of at once, and some that must go to the rubbish heap.

The wise merchant doesn't allow much stuff to grow old on his hands. He plans to keep his stock new, clean and up-to-date, and the better he does that the less he will have to sell at cut rates and the smaller the rubbish pile will be.

Inventories this year are of unusual interest because of conditions under which we are living, and the inventory extends beyond the mere goods on the shelf. Many of the largest concerns are not operating and many people are out of employment, because an inventory is being taken of individuals as well as of the stock of goods.

The war brought on such an unusual condition and prices of everything went so high that people seemed to make money whether they took inventory or not. The matter of waste goods and the rubbish pile was not given serious consideration. The money came easy to carry on big operations because it was borrowed. Wages and other prices soared out of sight. Incompetent men held down responsible positions because they had a pull, politically or otherwise. Profiteers grabbed off large fortunes and men gave half-hearted service in their labor all because of the conditions brought about by the war.

Business never can continue long on a false basis. Inventory time, stock taking, and settlement day are bound to come, and they are here now in this country. From now on every business man must know where he is at. He must find the source of waste and stop it or go broke. Everything must return to its normal value, even men and women. The four-flusher can no longer hold down his job at big prices. He must produce results or make way for a man who will. Honest labor is going to be the only thing that counts for much. We are going to get back to a sane basis where dealing is done on real values and not fictitious values. There is going to be just as great opportunity for the honest industrious business man as ever, and the skilled, trustworthy laborer is going to be in great demand. But on the other hand, the lounge is bound to fail and the lazy business man will soon be out of business.

It is time for us all to take inventory of our ideas, our ideals, and our manner of performing our daily task. Most of us will undoubtedly find that we have some things that will have to be disposed of either at a greatly reduced valuation or else thrown on the scrap heap. We may as well make up our minds that we are not going to get by on any fictitious valuation of ourselves, because the times are demanding that business shall be done on actual valuations that the sheep shall be separated from the goats, and the crackerjacks be separated from just the plain jacks.

THE REAL VALUE OF COLLEGE TRAINING

Not long since we met two college girls walking toward Wright Hall. They were Freshmen and had come from two adjoining farms in the Upper Peninsula. They had been graduated from the local high school and their parents wanted them to have the benefits of a college training.

They were in no way remarkable young women. They looked, well as most American girls do, but they could hardly be called beautiful. They were not brilliant students, only commonplace, average girls. As we looked at them and heard their chatter while passing, a train of thought was started in our mind.

When those girls came to the college they found themselves in a new world. They were raw and untrained in many ways. They were in a house with a hundred other girls and with feminine quickness of observation they perceived that their own dress and manners were not quite like those of their companions and straightway a change began to take place. They were good and faithful students, and in the class room they easily held their own. But they learned a thousand things from the other girls, their companions. In fact, college students generally get as much from each other, as from the faculty and the books.

These girls went through the course and returned to their homes. Now they were marked characters in their home community. They were known as college bred women and took a position and exerted an influence which they never could have had without the college training. They were naturally deferred to and their opinions had a weight such as they never could have had without the college, and rightly so. Whole worlds of thought had been opened to them which they could never have entered if they had lacked the college training. Great events, great men, great movements in history, great facts in science, whole realms of new ideas had become familiar to them. Their horizon had become immensely enlarged. They had gained a new perspective. Many things had changed their relations in the last four years. Some things which once seemed important were not so now. Other things were seen to be the real important issues of life.

Those girls may teach for a time, but how different their teaching from what it could have been if they did not have a college course behind them. They may marry and have children to bring up, but how different their whole life would have been if they had never been to college. They are living in a different world than they were living in before. Their husbands and their children will be proud of their intelligence and culture.

This is what college has done for them and what it is doing for hundreds of other young people.

PRUDENCE

About supper time each night every prudent farmer feeds the chickens, fastens the coop to keep out skunks and other prowlers; feeds the pigs and gives them a bed; cares for the horses, cows, calves, and sheep; and makes the rounds to see that all his animals are secure and comfortable. This is an important part of his daily routine and he does it because he is anxious that nothing shall happen to any of his animals for they all have a commercial value. We commend the farmer for his prudence, and admire his judgment.

Our children have no particular commercial value, hence many of them are allowed to run around at all times of the night, exposed to mental, moral and physical dangers, improperly clothed, imprudently fed, deprived of necessary sleep and rest, exposed to the attacks from highly perfumed skunks; to the ravages of wolves in sheep's clothing, and many other prowlers of the night who love the dark and whose habits are vile. The records of increasing crime show the folly of our ways. Why not at least be as prudent with our children as the farmer is with his dumb animals?

PRICELESS RECORDS DESTROYED

The Census Bureau is located in what was built to be an absolutely fireproof building, but a carpenter shop was located in the basement, shavings were permitted to accumulate, employees were permitted to smoke cigarettes, a fire resulted and \$2,000,000 worth of damage was done. Now it is urged that a "Federal Archives Building" be erected. But what's the use, if a carpenter shop is to be located in the basement, shavings accumulated, and cigarettes smoked therein?

THE CHURCHES

St. Mary's Catholic Church
 Rev. John A. Mulvey, Pastor.
 Holy masses as follows: First and third Sundays of each month, at 8:30 and 10:30 a. m. Second and fourth Sundays at 10:30 a. m.

First Church of Christ, Scientist
 511 N. Park Ave., Alma, Mich.
 Subject: Love.
 Sunday School—9:30.
 Lesson Sermon—10:30.
 Wednesday Testimony meeting—7:30 p. m.
 The Christian Science reading room located at 113 1/2 W. Superior street is open daily except Sunday from 2:30 to 5 o'clock.
 The public is cordially invited to the services and to the reading room.

St. John's Episcopal Church
 Saginaw Sunday School—11:30.
 Evening 7:30 p. m.
 Sermon, Dr. John H. Davis.
 Vested choir.
 As our dear children eagerly desire the coming of Christmas so may we long for the Lenten season. Deep experiences in holy things and "joy in the Holy Ghost" come to those who commune with God. Greatness of soul and goodness of heart come not by accident but are results of prayer, meditation, consecration. "Whatsoever a man sows that shall he reap." God is willing to give without limit to those who sow to the Spirit.
 We welcome all to our service and Sunday school.

Free Methodist Church
 Corner West Center and Cedar Ave.
 Sunday Services—
 Sunday School—10 a. m.
 Preaching—11 a. m. and 7 p. m.
 Thursday evening prayer meeting—7 p. m.
 Peter White, Pastor, 222 Philadelphia avenue.

First Baptist Church
 Opposite Masonic Home on State street.
 10:00 a. m.—Divine Worship.
 The pastor will occupy the pulpit both morning and evening.
 11:15 a. m.—Sunday school.
 Topic: "The Lordship of Jesus: Its Meaning for Us." Matt. 21:1-46.
 6:00 p. m.—B. Y. P. U. meeting.
 Come prepared to do your part.
 7:00 p. m.—Preaching and song service. Everybody welcome.
 The Simultaneous Evangelistic Campaign of the Saginaw Valley Association of which this church is a part will begin Sunday, February 27.

First Christian Church
 East Superior St.
 J. E. Williams, Pastor.
 9:45 a. m.—Church school.
 1:00 a. m.—Communion and sermon. Subject: "Hidden Treasure."
 6:00 p. m.—Christian Endeavor.
 7:00 p. m.—Praise Service and sermon. Subject: "The Servant in Bonds."
 7:30 o'clock Thursday evening—Prayer meeting.
 Everybody heartily welcome at all the services.

Presbyterian Church
 Corner of W. Superior St. and Prospect Ave. Rev. W. L. Gelston, minister.
 10 a. m.—Sunday school.
 This is the first session in which the boys will undertake to out do the girls in attendance.
 11 a. m.—Morning worship.
 Theme: "What May I Believe About God and Why?" This is in the series "What May I Believe and Why?" Faith which is not well-grounded in reason is never stable. It is in order that all persons who care to do so may review the satisfying reasons for belief in the fundamental tenets of the Christian faith and may thus be well established in their Christian life, that the series referred to is given.
 3 p. m.—Junior Endeavor.
 6 p. m.—Y. P. S. C. E.
 7 p. m.—Evening worship.
 Theme: "Do I Put First Things First?" This is in the series of heart to heart talks on the theme, "The Kind of a Christian of Whom Jesus Approves."
 All are invited to the services.

Special Meetings
 Held at the Reorganized Church of Latter Day Saints on South Pleasant Ave. Each night some subject on the Doctrine of Christ taken up and explained from a Bible standpoint.
 Everybody welcome, come and hear the Gospel. Services begin at 7:15.
 G. W. Burt of Beaverton, Mich., speaker.

SCRIPTURE

1 John 3:18-24
 My little children, let us not love in word, neither in tongue; but in deed and in truth.
 And hereby we know that we are of the truth, and shall assure our hearts before him.
 For if our heart condemn us, God is greater than our heart, and knoweth all things.
 Beloved, if our heart condemn us not, then have we confidence toward God.
 And whatsoever we ask, we receive of him because we keep his commandments, and of these things that are pleasing in his sight.
 And this is his commandment, That we should believe on the name of his Son Jesus Christ, and love one another, as he gave us commandment.
 And he that keepeth his commandments dwelleth in him, and he in him. And hereby we know that he abideth in us, by the Spirit which he hath given us.

MEMORIAL WINDOWS FROM GERMANY

Otto W. Heineke, of the Ornamental Glass Manufacturers of the United States, threw a jolt into the members of the Ways and Means

Committee the other day when he asserted that memorial windows honoring American soldiers who lost their lives in the war are being made in Germany and imported here. According to Mr. Heineke importers of German stained glass are able to sell the product in the United States for \$5.25 a foot, while the domestic manufacturers must charge \$12.72 or shut up shop. Our manufacturers want a tariff duty which will offset the difference. "In Germany duty painters receive 20 cents an hour based on a two cent mark, while here they get \$1.50 an hour," declares the witness. And Fred Nadler, of the same organization, said that on one sketch the German cost to the consumer here was \$3.96, while the American price was \$28.47. On others the German prices were \$3.41, \$3.26 and \$3.92, while the American prices were \$17.70, \$17.72 and \$19.53 respectively. Naturally the importers want the present rate of duty to remain. Memorials to American soldiers made from German stained glass do not ruffle the conscience of the importers' dollar.

DAYLIGHT HOLD-UP
 On Monday afternoon the residence of Mrs. Eli Brown on North Court street, was entered by parties carrying concealed weapons, who compelled her to throw up her hands while they made merry with what they found. Woman's wit was equal to the emergency and although "gone brown" she came up smiling and literally "turned the tables" on them. Presto! The tables were spread with the "concealed weapons" and all sat down to the number of thirteen to eat, drink and be merry the occasion being the twentieth birthday of the victim. The invaders were the ilk of John, the Baptist, and the female of the species, who left souvenirs of the event and departed snapping their fingers at the 13 superstition and wishing the hostess many happy returns of the day. (Contributed.)

WRIGHT SCHOOL
 Chickenpox is keeping a few scholars home from school.
 Wess Webb made a business trip to Ithaca Monday.
 Bernard Hunter is visiting in Shepherd.
 Jess Crosssett is so far recovered from his operation at Pompeii that he has been removed to his home and is doing nicely at this writing.
 The party Friday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Morton Weed, was well attended and a fine time enjoyed.
 Several from the vicinity attended the funeral of Mrs. Rogers at Alma Friday.

Mrs. Ed. Cancort of Pompeii spent the first of the week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Giles Isham.
 Wess Webb was in Shepherd Saturday.
 Ervin Trapp made a business trip to Shepherd Thursday.
 The sale at Melvin Adams' was well attended and the goods sold well. We understand that Will Adams will move back on the farm.

WHEELER SCHOOL NOTES

The ninth grade wrote a test in history Friday.
 The tenth grade is reviewing in history and expects to have a test Friday.
 The girls are making rapid progress in basket ball.
 Several have been absent on account of sickness.
 Beulah and Rena Hulls were visitors at our room today.
 Several of the boys are planning on attending the boys' conference at Ithaca this week.
 Several are absent on account of sickness.
 The seventh grade have completed their maps of North America.
 Mrs. Wick and Mrs. Salsberry visited the intermediate room Tuesday afternoon.
 Floyd Allen visited the Intermediate room Thursday morning.
 Some of the seventh grade girls are doing fine in playing basket ball.

NORTHWEST SEVILLE

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Vancleve, who live near Riverdale, spent Friday night at the home of their daughter, Mrs. E. Treed.
 Alva Decker transacted business in Alma Friday.
 Mr. and Mrs. Lee Loomis called on Mr. and Mrs. S. Veeder Friday evening.
 Carl Hill was in Riverdale Saturday afternoon.
 Ed. Treed called on V. Dickinson Sunday.
 E. Loomis was in Alma Saturday.
 Alpha Ingram and son, Arlie, transacted business in Mt. Pleasant Friday.

TOWN LINE

Ed. O'Bryant was in Shepherd one day last week on business.
 Mr. and Mrs. Lew Thompson and children spent Sunday with relatives near Forest Hill.
 Mr. and Mrs. J. E. O'Bryant and little son, Kenneth, spent Sunday with relatives near Forest Hill.
 George Whitcraft was confined to the house last week with chickenpox.
 Mrs. O'Neill Howe and family entertained her mother, Mrs. J. A. Erskins, and two sisters, Beatrice and Wilma, of Alma Sunday.
 Mrs. Bert Jones spent the week end with her brother near Ithaca.

Not If As Rich As Croesus

If you were as rich as Croesus you could not buy a better remedy for constipation than Chamberlain's Tablets. They are easy and pleasant to take and when the proper dose is taken produce a mild and gentle effect. They also strengthen the digestion.

COUNTY CONVENTION

Republicans Meet at Ithaca Monday, February 7.

To the Republican Electors of the County of Gratiot:
 A County Convention of the Republicans of the County of Gratiot is hereby called to meet at the Court House in the Village of Ithaca, Michigan, on Monday, the 7th day of February, 1921, at 11 o'clock in the forenoon, for the purpose of electing thirteen delegates to the State Convention to be held at Detroit, Michigan, Thursday, February 17, 1921, and for the transaction of such other business as may be properly brought before the convention.

The representatives of the various Townships and Wards in this convention were fixed by the following resolution adopted at the Republican County Convention held February 5, 1909:

"Resolved, That the various Townships and Wards of the County of Gratiot in the future Republican Conventions be entitled respectively to representation therein by one delegate for each thirty-five votes cast at the last preceding general election for the Republican candidate for Secretary of State and one delegate for each moiety of eighteen thereof, and that the County Committee be and is hereby instructed to follow this rule as a basis for the apportionment of delegates to future County Conventions."

The several Townships and Wards will be entitled to the following number of delegates:
 Arcadia Township 4
 Bethany Township 5
 Elba Township, Precinct 1 4
 Elba Township, Precinct 2 4
 Emerson Township 6
 Fulton Township 9
 Hamilton Township 4
 Ithaca Township 19
 Lafayette Township 7
 Newark Township 6
 New Haven Township 7
 North Shade Township 7
 North Star Township 6
 Pine River Township 6
 Seville Township 7
 Sumner Township 6
 Washburn Township 4
 Wheeler Township, Precinct 1 7
 Wheeler Township, Precinct 2 9
 Alma, First Ward 18
 Alma, Second Ward 11
 Alma, Third Ward 6
 Alma, Fourth Ward 3
 St. Louis, First Ward 3
 St. Louis, Second Ward 5
 St. Louis, Third Ward 5
 St. Louis, Fourth Ward 5
 C. J. Chambers, Chairman; O. L. Smith, Secretary, Republican County Committee.

WARD CAUCUSES

Ward caucuses for the purpose of electing delegates to the Republican County Convention to be held at the Court House in the Village of Ithaca, on Monday, February 7, and for the transaction of such other business as may properly come before said caucuses, will be held in the following places in the several wards of the City of Alma, on Friday, February 4, 1921, at 6:45 p. m.
 First Ward—City Hall.
 Second Ward—Alma Journal Office.
 Third Ward—Arcadia Hotel.
 Fourth Ward—Wright House.
 By order of City Chairman.

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